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*Messina, March* 10. N. S.

THE Letters from *Malta* inform us, That the Galleys of that Order are fitting out, being 7 in number, and that the new Great Master had order'd 1200 Land Soldiers, to be in a readiness to Embark on such Vessels, as will be provided for that purpose, which are to sail at the same time with the said Galleys for the Assistance of the Venetians in the *Levant*. We have an account from *Barbary*, that the Grand Signior has writ to the Governments of *Argiers*, *Tunis*, and *Tripoly*, to send each a Squadron of their Ships to join his Fleet the next Summer, which they have promised to comply with as far as they are able.

*Turin, March* 20. The Duke of *Savoy* intends to go the next week to visit the Places in *Savoy*, which have been restored by the French. The Fortifications of *Pignerol* are now quite demolished; and the Inhabitants have not yet obtained leave to cast up a slight Wall about the Town, for their security.

*Florence, March* 27. The Great Duke is now with the Court at *Pisa*; but is expected here in a Fortnight; and soon after Prince *John Gaston* will be going for *Germany*, to celebrate his Marriage with the Princess of *Saxe-Lawenburgh*; after which they will have their Residence at *Prague*.

*Venice, March* 29. The contrary Winds, which at present hinder the departure of the Convoy bound to the *Levant*, give an opportunity to send with it a greater number of Soldiers, than was at first intended; Yesterday came to the *Lido* several new raised Companies, which are now going on Board, and the rest that are expected will Embark as fast as they arrive here, from the Places where these Levies have been made. Several Men of War are fitting out, and divers Merchant-men are taken up for another Convoy, which may be ready to sail by the middle of the next month; Several Noble Venetians are going to make the next Campaign in the Army of this State; and the great Preparations of War that are made, give ground to believe, That the Forces of the Republick will undertake some Enterprize of moment, and with the more probability of Success, seeing the Turks employ their principal Care for carrying on the War in *Hungary*, and for assisting the *Tartars* against the *Moscovites*, and by that means will have but a small Army on the Frontiers of the *Morea*. The last advices from *Napoli di Romania* say, the Captain General was sending out another Squadron to cruize in the *Archipelago*, with Orders that they should particularly endeavour to intercept the Turkish Ships that are bound from *Alexandria* with Provisions to *Constantinople*; and that the whole Venetian Fleet would be ready to go to Sea in the beginning of *May*.

*Vienna, April* 2. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* having concerted Matters with this Court, concerning the Prosecution of the War on the *Rhine*, he parted from hence this day, intending to make all possible Diligence in his Journey to *Heilbron*, near which place the Confederate Forces will have their first Rendezvous; and in the mean time Orders have been sent them, to be in a readiness to draw together upon the first notice. The Elector of *Saxony* has frequent Conferences with the Imperial Ministers about the Affairs of *Hungary*; Great quantities of Ammunition and Provisions are sent thither by Water; a great Train of Artillery is providing here, and will in few days be put on board the Vessels that are to carry the same to *Buda*, where they are to expect further Orders; All the Officers that were here are returned to their several Commands, and every thing is provided for an early Campaign. The Letters from *Transilvania* say, That several Persons who came from *Valachia* reported, that the *Tartars* were so taken up with providing for the Defence of their own Country against the *Moscovites*, that they were not at leasure to make use of the Opportunity which the present State of Affairs in *Poland* gave them, of annoying the Frontiers of that Kingdom; and that the same reason would hinder them from sending any considerable number of their Troops to the Ottoman Army in *Hungary* this Summer. The Bishop of *Passaw*, the Emperor's Ambassador to *Poland*, has Orders to hasten his Journey thither, by reason of the advices that come from thence, that the several Parties begin to appear with great warmth; That many of the Great Men do shew the little Inclination they have to Prince *James*, and that his Interest seems rather to decline than encrease; so that the Presence of the Emperor's Ambassador will be of great use to him.

*Hamburgh, April* 9. *N. S.* The Treaty about the *Holstein* Affairs is at a stand, the Ministers of several Princes who assisted at it being at present absent. The Troops of the Circle of the *Lower Saxony* continue in the City of *Gustraw*; The Deputies of the Duke of *Swerin* have Protested against the Proceedings of the said Directors in this Affair; and they are expecting the Emperor's Resolutions upon it. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* is at *Coningsbergh* in *Prussia*; he will stay there till the Election in *Poland* is over, which is appointed to be the next Month.

*Newcastle, April* 10. Yesterday morning came to our Bar 8 Colliers from *London*; one of them belonging to this Town, *Charles Newton* Master, laden with Merchant Goods, and carrying 12 Guns, was in her Voyage hither attack'd by a French Privateer of 14 Guns and 4 Patereroes; Capt *Newton* made a very vigorous Defence, and another of the Merchant Ships coming up to his Assistance, they boarded the said Privateer and took her, and have brought her into this Harbor;

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